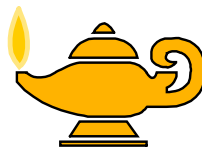


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The Lamplighter



You are the light of the world...no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket...let your light shine before others..."

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To you wonderful folks of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Findlay,

The summer of 2014 seems to have seen its share of violent and tragic incidents, some of which have been caused by terrorist groups, such as ISIS in Iraq and Syria, Israel and Hamas in Palestine, and Ukrainian Russian rebels. There have been mass killings and kidnappings, repeated bombings, and downed airplanes (some of which have apparently been fired on and downed by terrorist groups).

What do all of these dire and dismal events have to do with us as the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Findlay, Ohio and what does it have to do with our Christian faith?

As you undoubtedly know, "The Courier" has a written item each Saturday on the Religion page where the weekly church services are listed.

The section for July 19th, written by Christopher Simon, was entitled "Sectarian Violence and True Religion". Mr. Simon cited 1 Corinthians 12:13, which I'd like you to have as our Bible verse for the month: **For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.**

He says: *"The history of organized religion is filled with what can only be described as sectarian or partisan violence. There have been disagreements from the beginning of Christianity over what should constitute the correct form of both practice and belief. And these disagreements are only natural: when finite, fallible human beings try to deter-*

mine what their infinite, infallible God expects of them, there is going to be disagreement. But wise men and women should realize this and not let these disagreements turn to armed conflict and bloodshed. Sadly, this kind of religious violence has been all too common. Catholics and Protestants waged a series of wars for much of the 16th and 17th centuries. Shia and Sunni Muslims have waged war against each other for centuries, and of course there seems to be no end in sight of the violence which Muslims and Jews perpetrate against each other in the Mid-East. This is most unfortunate, since we all claim to believe in a loving and merciful God who abhors violence and the spilling of innocent blood. We should pray for peace among all God's children and do what we can in our lives to foster a spirit of religious unity."

Can we really have much of an impact on world peace here at our small church in Findlay, Ohio? Can we truly try to head off and defeat the spirit and attitude of violence, intimidation, and terrorism in our world today by, as Christopher Simon says, "pray for peace among all God's children and do what we can in our lives to foster a spirit of religious unity."

How can we foster that spirit of religious unity here in Findlay? Let's discuss this!

As always, I look forward to seeing you around this month! Blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

Pastor Rick

SENSE OF HUMOR AND PLAY AND NOT BEING PUFFED UP

Perhaps one way that we can confront the attitude and force of violence, intimidation, and terrorism in our world and foster a spirit of religious unity is to heed the recent words of Donna Schaper, Senior Minister at Judson Memorial Church in New York City, in an online devotional:

Play

by **Donna Schaper**

"... so that you will not be puffed up."

-1 Corinthians 4: 20

Being puffed up is what happens when we lose our sense of humor. Being puffed up is when we lose our sense of play. We become more likely to indulge some kind of violence, either the "micro-aggressions" of bad manners or the big kind where people physically hurt each other or can't imagine a life where they aren't winning or on top.

Stuart Brown, an authority on children's psychiatry, says that children who don't learn life through the rough and tumble of play often become violent. He defines play as purposelessness activity that prevents violence to self and others. It is how we learn to relate without hurting. Play keeps us from being fixed and rigid. It is our most animal part. Chimpanzees self-handicap, so they won't turn a fuss or fight into a war or a contest. The big ones help the littler ones learn how to connect.

Play gives us a glimpse of the divine. It is the opposite of a contest where somebody wins. It is rough and tumble. Nobody wins or loses; they just connect.

Maybe God also self-handicaps. God relates through a purposeless so deep that it results in human community. God, who could have laid it all out, left it all open. God is not puffed up, even though, if anybody could be, God could be. God gave us a playful freedom of the will.

Prayer:

Restore our sense of humor, O God, and teach us to be so purposeless that our lives deepen towards You.
Amen.

Want to help?

Having a luncheon following the funeral of a member of our church is a special ministry the CWF is glad to provide for the family and friends. It gives them time to be together, to celebrate the life of their loved one, and visit with each other. If you are not currently being asked, and are willing to provide a dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) and/or help set up and serve the meal, please let Linda Pitkin know. There will be a sign up sheet on the announcement board in the hall. Even if you are currently helping with the luncheons, please sign the sheet, so we will have a complete list of those willing to help. Thank you

More Labyrinth News

- Hallelujah! The labyrinth is now fitted to the basement and ready to use. Materials are becoming available for instruction and promotion as we speak.
- In the near future we will be stylizing the basement (this means painting and decorating) and upgrading the stairway. For now it is open to members and friends but we hope to make it available to the community as we head into fall and winter.



Prayer Needs:

- ◆ For those with cancer and undergoing Cancer Treatment:
Kathy Brinkman
David (Sue Davies' brother)
Loretta Way (Charlotte Ballard's sister)
- ◆ For those with various health issues and concerns:
*Sally Williams
- ◆ For First Christian Church's Homebound Members
- ◆ For growth in all ministries and areas of service at
First Christian Church
- ◆ For those who are seeking employment
- ◆ For all care givers
- ◆ For peaceful and just solutions to conflicts around the world.

August Birthdays

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| 3 Pat Riker | 12 David England |
| 9 Jeff Weber | 13 Jared Siebert |
| 10 Karol Smith | 15 Beth Reynolds |
| 10 Steven Strayer | 17 Marilyn Hobbs |
| | 24 Tim Wolfe |

August Anniversaries

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| 8/4 Gene & Erma Weist |
| 8/5 Fred & Ann Kretzinger |
| 8/9 Andre Hawks & Colleen Robinson |
| 8/15 Allen & Pat Sharninghouse |
| 8/19 Lenny & Marilyn Hobbs |

This Month's Bulletin Board

Have you noticed the great job Pat Sharninghouse is doing with the member bulletin board in the hallway? This month, she has featured Bill and Nancy Peters. Take a look at the vintage and newer photos of the Peters.

Christian Clearing House

Spaghetti Dinner
August 12, 4:30-7 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Provided by Olive Garden
dine in or carry out
Adults- \$9.00
Children -\$5.00

Community Hymn Sing

Friday, August 8
Senior Center
339 E. Melrose Avenue



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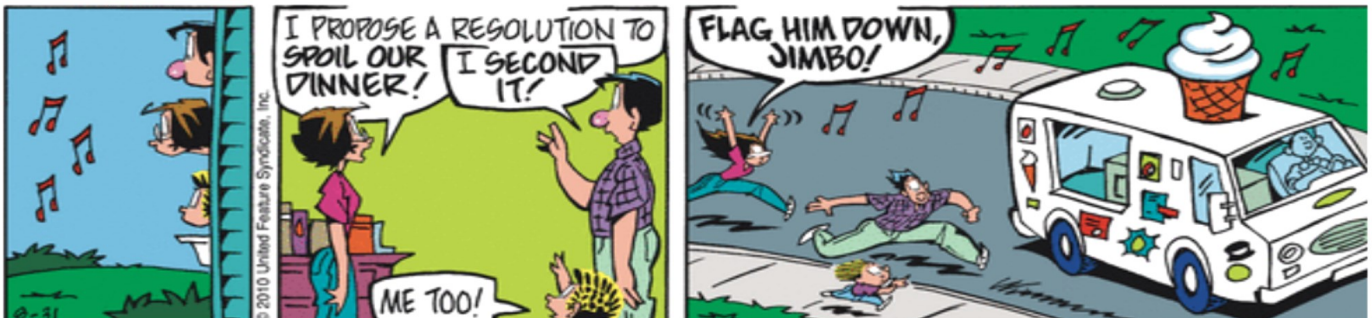
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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>July 27</p>	<p>July 28</p>	<p>July 29</p>	<p>July 30</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>July 31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11:00 am - Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 am -Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm-Coffee Hour</p> <p>12:15 Worship Comm.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Tina out of office</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> <p>Tina out of office</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 am - Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Community Hymn Sing</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 am - Board Meeting</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 am - Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm-Coffee Hour</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Christian Clearing House Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>4:30-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 am - Bible Study</p> 	<p>16</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 am - Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm-Coffee Hour</p> <p>2:30 pm-Fox Run Worship</p>			<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00 am - Bible Study</p> 	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>At Litzenberg</p> <p>10:30 am - Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm -Picnic</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Relationship Team Meeting</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>8:45 Chimes Prac.</p> <p>9:30 am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 am - Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm -Coffee Hour</p>						

August Serving Schedule

August 3	August 10
<p>Minister: Rev. Rick Pulling Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler Pianist/Organist: Jane Snyder Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger Greeters: Larry Marquart, Karol Smith, John Snyder Scripture Reader: Tatum Weber Elders: Linda Pitkin & Robin Kretzinger Deacons: Charlotte Ballard, Kathy Marquart, John Snyder Coffee Hour: Team #1: Cindi Beltz, Larry & Kathy Marquart, Beth Reynolds Counters: Bill Peters & Robin Kretzinger</p>	<p>Guest Minister: Patrice Fatig Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler Pianist/Organist: Jane Snyder Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler Greeters: David England, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds, Martha Stoner Scripture Reader: Robin Kretzinger Elders: Carole Cleary & Kathy Brinkman Deacons: Barb Brown, Tim Wolfe, Cindi Beltz Coffee Hour: Team #2: Sue & Ed Davies, Linda Pitkin, Pat Sharninghouse Counters: Bill Peters & Andy Koehler</p>
August 17	August 24 (Service at Litzenberg Park)
<p>Minister: Rev. Rick Pulling Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler Pianist/Organist: Becky Pulling Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger Greeters: Larry Marquart, John Snyder, Kathy Marquart Scripture Reader: Kathy Marquart Elders: Barb England & Linda Pitkin Deacons: Bill Peters, Nancy Peters, Sue Davies Coffee Hour: Team #3: Bill & Nancy Peters, Karol Smith, Pat & Dale Yoder Counters: Bill Peters & Karole Smith</p>	<p>Minister: Rev. Rick Pulling Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler Pianist/Organist: Becky Pulling Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler Greeters: David England, Karol Smith, Carole Cleary, Martha Stoner Scripture Reader: Mercedes Williamson Elders: Kathy Brinkman & Beth Reynolds Deacons: Lisa Wolfe, Deb Kirk, Karol Smith Counters: Bill Peters & Tara Miller</p>
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Sunday Schedule
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
Followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour

August's Sermon Themes

August 3—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Tatum Weber

Message: “God will provide everything?”

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Theme: Jesus Christ's compassion to us should lead to our commitment to Him and to others.

August 10– Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Preacher Rev. Patrice Fatig

Scripture Reader: Robin Kretzinger

Message: In or Out

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

August 17– Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Kathy Marquart

Message: “Who did Jesus say had great faith?”

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Theme: Could we be in that company? How?

August 24 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Our Annual Litzenberg Park Worship Service and Picnic (all held at the barn)

Scripture Reader: Mercedes Williamson

Message: God in Quiet Mode

Scripture: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Theme: We turn to a computer anti-virus program to explain how and why God sometimes seems invisible, when in fact God is working on our behalf all the time.

August 31-Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost-Labor Day Weekend

Scripture Reader: Tara Miller

Message: “For those who are auditing the class...”

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

Theme: Can we really make a life-long commitment to God? Why should we? How can we?